



DIET HISTORY FORM: HORSES

Owner Contact Information

Date: _____ Owner name: _____

Address: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Best method of contact: Phone call Email Text message

Animal Information

Name: _____ Date of birth/age: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: Male Female

Intended use: Breeding stallion
 Gelding
 Brood mare: Open Pregnant Lactating
 Companion
 Ridden: Please describe use and number of times ridden per week: _____

Body condition: Ideal Under Over Muscle condition: Ideal Loss of/change in condition

Housing: w/ Owner at home Boarded w/ Trainer

Shelter/pasture: Stall Pen/corral Paddock

If paddock, describe size and amount of time spent: _____

If paddock, how many other horses share this space (if any): _____



Relevant Medical History

Deworming:

Deworm on a schedule or based on fecal egg counts: Schedule
 Fecal Egg Counts

Dewormer(s) used: _____

Last date(s) of deworming: _____

Teeth:

Last date horse's teeth were floated: _____

Any dental issues (e.g. missing teeth)? _____

Is the horse currently being treated for any medical conditions or diseases? Yes No

If yes, please describe condition/disease, approximate date of diagnosis, and any current medications, including type, dose, frequency, and treatment length.

<u>Condition/Disease</u>	<u>Date Diagnosed</u>	<u>Medication Name, Dose, Frequency</u>	<u>Treatment length</u>
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Ex: Laminitis	2/12/18	Bute 0.5 gram twice daily	5 days
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Diet Information

Describe reason for this nutrition consult: _____

Water source: Tank Bucket Automatic waterer Natural source

Type of water: Municipal Private well



Does the horse have a good appetite? Yes No

Does the horse have access to pasture grazing? Yes No

If yes, for how many hours/day? _____

Please describe the kind of grass and weeds that grow in the pasture, if known: _____

Have you made any changes to the horse's diet in the last 4 weeks?: Yes No

If so, please describe the change made. _____

Instructions for the following questions:

Please review these instructions closely before attempting to answer the following questions. If any questions/concerns, please feel free to ask for clarification!

A wide variety of scoops is often used to measure feed provided to horses. Even if the scoop *volume* is known (e.g. 2.2 *pound* scoop or 1 *quart* coffee can), the *weight* of the measured feed varies depending on its density. For example, 1 quart of a dry pellet can weigh 1.5 pounds, whereas 1 quart of textured feed may weigh 2 pounds or 1 quart of oats may weigh 0.8 pounds. The rule goes for hay – if you provide one flake of hay, the weight of that flake will vary with the type of hay, the average size and weight of the bale and each flake, and the hay maturity and cutting. These weight differences are very important when trying to accurately assess the *number of calories and key nutrients* the horse is receiving.

Convenient methods for weighing feeds may include either 1) a hook scale, like those used for weighing fish or luggage, or 2) a flat platform scale.

The hook scale can be used for both feed and hay. For feed, you can hang an empty pail or bag on the scale to measure feed within. For hay, you can hang a haynet or hay bag off of the scale and place the hay within, or if no bag is used, you can wrap the bundle of hay with twine and suspend the hay by the twine from the hanging scale. Just remember when recording the weight of the feed or hay that the starting weight of whatever receptacle you used is accounted for. If the scale is electronic, you can place the receptacle on the scale first and then hit “tare”, which will zero out the scale before weighing the feed.

The flat platform scale can also be used for both feed and hay. For feeds and cereals, use the scoop or a pail as a receptacle. First, weigh the receptacle first and either note the weight of the container or press “tare” on the scale if electronic. Then, fill the scoop/pail with feed and weigh again. If the scale is not electronic, be sure to subtract the starting weight of the scoop/pail from the final weight of the scoop/pail plus feed, so that only the weight of the feed is provided. To weigh hay on a flat platform scale, you can use a piece of rigid cardboard or wood to make a larger platform space to place the hay on. Also be sure to zero or account for the weight of the platform before placing the hay on top.



2) Hay – check all that apply and provide additional information requested:

Timothy

Weight: _____ Frequency: _____

Orchard

Weight: _____ Frequency: _____

Bermuda/Coastal

Weight: _____ Frequency: _____

Alfalfa

Weight: _____ Frequency: _____

Mix

Type (describe): _____

Weight: _____ Frequency: _____

3) Has hay ever been analyzed for nutrient content by a commercial laboratory? Yes No
If yes, please provide copies of nutrient analysis reports as attachments to this questionnaire.

Veterinarian Contact Information

Veterinarian name: _____

Practice name: _____

Practice address: _____

Practice phone number and/or email address: _____